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RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the landless/homeless farmers/labourers in the country as on date, state-wise;

(b) the details of the programmes being implemented to ameliorate their condition and the funds allocated therefor during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of these programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): The Registrar General of India have estimated housing shortage of 148.25 lakh houses as per 2001 Population Census. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing a number of schemes for poverty alleviation, employment generation and basic amenities like shelter to the homeless living Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, rural connectivity, safe drinking water and sanitation etc. in rural areas of the country. State-wise Central funds allocated under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) during last 3 years viz. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and housing shortage are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the Programmes including utilization of funds, through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee meetings, Area Officer`s Scheme. National Level Monitors, District Level Monitoring and Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State/District Level. Besides, the States have been advised to adopt a five- pronged strategy consisting of
(i) creation of awareness,
(ii) transparency,
(iii) people`s participation,
(iv) accountability/social audit and
(v) strict vigilance and monitoring at all levels. These measures are to help in maximum utilization of funds under the rural development schemes and to improve the living condition of poor in rural areas.